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SUBJECT: LOS: US/USSR BILATERALS, GROUP OF FIVE LUNCHEON

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1. YAKOVLEV OF MFA'S TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION CALLED EMBOFF THIS AFTERNOON TO SAY THAT DEPUTY MINISTER KOZYREV HAD UNFORTUNATELY DECIDED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE BILATERAL MEETING PROPOSED FOR SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 13. YAKOVLEV SAID THAT KOZYREV STRONGLY FAVORED SUCH A MEETING, BUT THAT SINCE THE SOVIET DELEGATION WAS ARRIVING ONLY ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, HE WOULD HAVE URGENT ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS TO ATTEND TO ON SATURDAY AND WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO HOLD THE PROPOSED BILATERAL TAKS. EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER THIS APPLIED TO ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION AS WELL, AND WAS TOLD THAT IT PROBABLY DID. YAKOVLEV SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO DELEGATIONS WORK OUT A MORE CONVENIENT TIME TO MEET WHEN THEY GET
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TOGETHER AT THE OPENING SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 15. YAKOVLEV

APOLOGIZED FOR PUTTING US IN A "DIFFICULT SITUATION" ABOUT THE MEETING AND STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOT THE RESULT OF ANY "NEGATIVE ATTITUDE" ON THE SOVIET SIDE. HE SAID THAT THE POSITIVE ANSWER WE HAD BEEN LED TO EXPECT HAD BEEN "PREMATURE" AND IMPLIED THAT THE PROBLEM RESULTED IN PART FROM INCOMPLETE STAFF WORK HERE.

2. YAKOVLEV SAID THAT THE AGENDA TOPICS PROPOSED BY THE US SIDE WERE APPROPRIATE MATTERS TO DISCUSS AND THAT THE SOVIET SIDE MIGHT HAVE OTHER TOPICS TO SUGGEST. HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AGENDA WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK IN PREPARATION FOR BILATERAL TALKS.

3. CONCERNING THE LUNCHEON TO BE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR LEARSON ON MARCH 17, YAKOVLEV SAID THAT AMBASSADOR KOZYREV GLADLY ACCEPTS AND ASKS THAT HIS PRINCIPAL DEPUTY, AMBASSADOR KOLOSOVSKY BE INCLUDED, TOGETHER WITH ONE INTERPRETER (NO NAME GIVEN).
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